

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A quick-connect pipe coupling is disclosed which comprises has a plug (14) formed with a locking recess 14-2 and a socket (12) ~~provided with a plurality of radially movable locking elements 20. The locking elements are received in the locking recess to securely connect the plug to the socket. The socket 12 has a socket body 18. The socket body 18 includes a plurality of first through apertures 18-1 within which the respective locking elements are received, and a plurality of second through apertures 18-2 within which a plurality of sleeve actuators 28 are received. The plug 14 has a tapered surface 14-3. Upon insertion of~~ When the plug [[14]] is inserted into the socket body 18, the plug first tapered surface 14-3 urges [[the]] sleeve actuators (28) radially outward to axially move a sleeve (22) and, thereafter, into engagement with an inclined surface 22-3 of a sleeve 22. This results in axial displacement of the sleeve 22 and also, allows radial outward movement of the sleeve actuators. Further insertion of the plug urges [[the]] locking elements (20) radially outward to move the sleeve further to be engaged with the inclined surface of the sleeve. This results in further axial movement of the sleeve. After the locking elements and the sleeve actuators are moved in a radially outward direction Eventually, the locking elements and [[the]] sleeve actuators are fitted within [[the]] a locking recess (14-2) of the plug to securely connect ~~provide a connection between the plug and the socket.~~